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1. The bulk of People's Liberation Army (PLA) troops in the East China Military District* are assigned to the Third Field Army. Individual units, beginning, in each case, with the highest field army echelon, in the area during March 1950 were:

- a. 7th Army Group, WANG Chien-an (王建安) commanding. Headquarters at Ningpo (121-32, 29-54). 24th Army and 25th Army, attached.

21st Army - TENG Hai-ch'ing (滕海清) commanding. Headquarters at Hsiangshan (121-51, 29-29). 61st, 62d, and 63d Divisions with organic army artillery plus 17th Artillery Regiment attached from field army headquarters, disposed on Taohua (122-17, 29-48), Liuhengtao (122-08, 29-43), Hsiachihntao (122-45, 29-15), and neighboring isles.

22d Army - SUN Chi-shan (孫繼善) commanding. 64th, 65th, and 66th Divisions, with 8th Artillery Regiment and 11th Artillery Regiment attached from field army headquarters, deployed along Chintangyang (21-54, 29-56).

23d Army - TIAO Yung (陶勇) commanding. 67th, 68th, and 69th Divisions with 16th Artillery Regiment and an U/I Fortress Artillery unit attached from field army headquarters, stationed at Chuanshan (121-56, 29-54).

21st Army - WANG Wei-san (王渭三) commanding. Attached from 8th Army Group. 70th, 71st, and 72d Divisions with organic army artillery regiment, disposed in Hsiehfu (121-48, 30-03), Chenhai (121-42, 29-58), Paochung (121-44, 29-52) and Ningpo.

25th Army - Attached from 9th Army Group. Dispatched to coastal area southeast of Ningpo from the area west of Shaoxing (120-34, 30-00) 2 March 1950.

35th Army - WU Hua-wen (吴化文) commanding. Main forces southeast of Ningpo with the remainder in the Ningshao** area on a guerrilla fighting assignment.

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- b. 4th Army Group, YEH Fei (葉飛) commanding.

28th Army - Main strength at Tungan (118-10, 24-44); remainder at Foochow (119-19, 26-05).

29th Army - Amoy (118-05, 24-27).

31st Army - Main strength in Haicheng (117-52, 24-27) - Changpu (117-35, 24-06); remainder in area around Anhui (118-30, 24-40).

- c. 8th Army Group, WANG Pi-ch'eng (王必成) commanding. 24th Army detached. Headquarters, Shanghai.

26th Army - Shanghai. An unconfirmed report states that this army moved to Linshan (121-01, 30-10), Chouhsiang (121-08, 30-11), and Kuanhaiwei (121-27, 30-12) via Hanchou (120-10, 30-17) on 13-14 March, 1950.

32d Army - Fenghsien (121-29, 30-55) and Nanhuai (121-46, 31-03).

34 Army - Chuchou (118-52, 28-57) and Chiangshan (118-37, 28-45). It is not certain that this army is still assigned to 8th Army Group.

- d. 9th Army Group, SUNG Shih-lun (宋時倫) commanding.*** 25th Army detached.

20th Army - Changshu (120-44, 31-39) - Taitang (121-07, 31-28) - Chiansing (120-45, 30-46) area.

30th Army - Sungchiang (121-15, 31-01).

33d Army - Chuangsha (121-43, 31-13) and Nanhuai (120-46, 30-57).

37th Army - Nanking.***

2. Troops from Shantung Province, wearing the emblem "Teng Chou" (登州), passed through Hanchou 4 April on their way to the Fukien coast via the Nanking-Shanghai and Shanghai-Hangchow railways. About 20,000 in number, they were aboard 15 trains, each of which contained up to 25 cars. They were travelling with full equipment and had numerous motor vehicles of Soviet make.
3. A number of troops, up to 100,000 in number, belonging to unidentified units, were moved over the Shanghai-Hangchow and the Chekiang-Kiangsi Railways late in February. Five to eight trains, each consisting of twenty to twenty-five cars, moved nightly between the hours of 1700 and 0700, carrying troops, artillery, supplies, and munitions. Transferring at Shangjiao, these troops proceeded to Chienyang (118-03, 27-23) and Chienou (118-19, 27-04) via Chien-shan (117-44, 28-09).

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* Comment. [redacted] gives details of PLA OB in this area during January 1950; [redacted] contains later information on movements of the 9th Army Group; [redacted] reports on the logistic situation.

*25X1C Comment. Possibly a local designation for the country between Ningpo and Shaoxing.

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*** Comment. This Army Group has completed amphibious training. See

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25X1X Comment. An unconfirmed report states that this army group was transferred to the southern part of Fukien province about the middle of March. Simultaneously, an unidentified group of 100,000 men was transferred from Nanking and Shanghai to Chiangshan and Shangjiao (117-54, 28-26), via Hangchow by means of the Chekiang-Kiangsi railway.

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